

Stevenson - Sec 10/31/62

Sec Amb told U Thant

Order from K to dismantle received between 1 and 2 p.m.
Started dismantling by at 5 on Sunday. Will be all over
it later by Friday, when we will have finished
bulldozing of sites. Even the pads will be gone but
no Cuban observation of the dismantling is permitted.

As to aircraft, Puccio assured them that no Cuban had
not been trained to fly them. Any equipment, low-mounted
will go. All the A-1, but B-1 & conventional, is moved by
Cubans. It was a Cuban plane that shot down our plane.

Carter is frustrated, intense, hysterical.

Package plane by off the moon till Friday. After that you
will find they have bulldozed all of the sites.

11/1/62 Bill Sec. Carter talked as though he had all the info
aircraft and he did boast that it was the Cubans who had

sent down Major Anderson. Polke himself is not at all
persuaded that this was ~~not~~ ^{just} only boastfulness on his
part.

... He feels that there is a state of very definite kind of
hysteria down there at the moment; that they are psychologically
going to be looking for flights today and that they are going
to throw everything that they have. After Castro makes his speech
he thinks that if we could delay until tomorrow that the
chances of getting into any real trouble are considerably diminished;
particularly if we change the flight patterns.

That didn't want to have to winter down, but it won't follow... (or?)

He said on a security council meeting that Castro would not like
to hold the meeting off till after the 6th...

See why the 6th!

Call. Why on directions